



Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Newsletter

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The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPSS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

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EOPSS Funding Opportunities

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

Senator Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative Statewide Youth Violence Research Partnership Application for Grant Funds

Application Deadline: December 23, 2008 5 P.M.

The EOPSS Office of Grants and Research announces the availability of grant funding to support a Statewide Youth Violence Research Partner (SYVRP) that will provide strategic, analytic, and research support to EOPSS, all Shannon CSI sites, and Shannon Local Action Research Partner (LARP) grantees to address gang and youth violence. The SYVRP will work with EOPSS to coordinate information sharing among LARPs and across grant sites. Grants are anticipated to begin on February 1, 2009.

For more information: www.mass.gov/safety/shannon.

Senator Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative Local Action Research Partnership Application for Grant Funds

Application Deadline: December 23, 2008 5 P.M.

The EOPSS Office of Grants and Research announces the availability of grant funding to Local Action Research Partners (LARPs) to provide strategic, analytic, and research support to individual Shannon CSI sites. Applicants will work with their partner Shannon CSI site to provide strategic, analytic, and research support to address gang and youth violence to improve overall program success. Applications for LARP grant funding must come from public or private research organizations and should be accompanied by a statement of partnership from the community or communities receiving the Shannon CSI grants. Grants are anticipated to begin on February 1, 2009.

For more information: www.mass.gov/safety/shannon.

FFY 2008 State Homeland Security Program Application for Grant Funding

Application Deadline: January 5, 2009

The EOPSS Office of Grants & Research, Homeland Security Division announces the availability of approximately \$1,335,496 in federal homeland security funds for selection of one fiduciary agent to perform "management and administration" duties related to the four (4) existing Massachusetts Regional Homeland Security Advisory Councils. Eligible applicants include "local units of government" as defined within this AGF.

For more information: http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eopsterminal&L=3&L0=Home&L1=Funding+%26+Training+Opportunities&L2=Homeland+Security&sid=Eeops&b=terminalcontent&f=programs_hs_agfshsp08&csid=Eeops. Questions may also be sent via email to Jeff.Timperi@state.ma.us.

2008-2009 Traffic Enforcement and Equipment Grant Program

Application Deadline: Open Enrollment through August 2009

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security announces the availability of approximately \$3.2 million in federal funds for high visibility traffic enforcement and equipment grants through September 2009. Funds are available for local police and campus police departments to conduct mobilizations entitled "Click It or Ticket," "Road Respect," and "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest." In addition, participating grant departments will be eligible to purchase traffic safety equipment, signage, and materials after July 1, 2009 upon successful completion of selected 2009 enforcement mobilizations.

For more information: www.mass.gov/eopsfunding (click on Highway Safety) or contact Caroline Hymoff, Highway Safety Division at 617-725-3334 or Caroline.Hymoff@state.ma.us.

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Mini- Grant Program

Application Deadline: Open Enrollment through June 2009

Funded by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, the Massachusetts Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Mini-grant Program, “Using Prevention Strategies ... Empowering SADD Students to Improve Their Schools and Communities (UPS),” addresses the core issues of underage drinking, impaired driving, and traffic safety. The goal of the mini-grant program is to raise awareness about these issues and create sustainable youth and adult behavior change to reduce the risks associated with engaging in these activities. All Massachusetts middle schools, high schools, and youth groups are eligible to apply for a \$600 mini-grant from SADD. Each group or chapter selected to receive a mini-grant may utilize the grant award in one of two focus areas: traffic safety or underage drinking and impaired driving prevention. Within the focus area selected, the group will then opt to concentrate on policy and enforcement or education and collaboration. All groups will engage in communication strategies such as media outreach or similar efforts.

For more information: <http://www.sadd.org/sresources.htm>.

Other Funding Opportunities

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

Postsecondary Education: Integrating Crime Victims’ Issues Into University and College Curricula

Application Deadline: December 18, 2008

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) seeks applications for funding to develop innovative, multidisciplinary education models (i.e., classroom, online, clinical) addressing victimization issues and responses to crime victims that can be integrated into university or college curricula and faculty development. The overall goal is to provide comprehensive and quality education and training to future victim service providers and allied professionals. At the completion of the entire 3-year initiative, it is anticipated that multidisciplinary education models and faculty development integrating crime victimization issues and responses may be replicated on a larger national scale.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/pdftxt/Postsecondary.pdf>.

Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) Training and Technical Assistance Program

Application Deadline: December 18, 2008

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications to deliver training and technical assistance to state agencies to assist them with developing effective strategies for planning, implementing, or enhancing statewide automated victim notification systems. The primary purpose of the SAVIN Program is to protect crime victims from further victimization and help ensure their legal rights are upheld by providing registered victims with timely and accurate information about any changes to the status of their offender (e.g., trial dates, times, or changes; probation hearings; inmate relocation; and offender release).

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/09SAVINTTAsol.pdf>.

Forensic DNA Research and Development

Application Deadline: December 29, 2008

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding for research and development that can enhance the forensic uses of DNA technology. This solicitation focuses on technologies that result in faster, more robust, more informative, less costly, or less labor-intensive identification, collection, preservation, and/or analysis of DNA evidence collected from crime scenes. The goal of NIJ's Forensic DNA Research and Development Program is to harness the tremendous growth in the broader scientific fields and direct it toward the development of highly discriminating, reliable, cost-effective, and rapid forensic DNA testing methods.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000846.pdf>.

Research and Development in the Forensic Analysis of Trace Evidence

Application Deadline: December 29, 2008

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding research and development in trace evidence analysis. This solicitation is aimed at improving the ability to locate and identify probative trace evidence from crime scenes and to enhance the ability of the crime laboratory to analyze trace evidence. NIJ's goal is to improve upon the current methods for interpreting, identifying, and analyzing trace evidence for criminal justice purposes.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000841.pdf>.

Research and Development on Impression Evidence

Application Deadline: December 29, 2008

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding research and development to enhance crime laboratories' ability to identify, characterize, capture, visualize, and preserve impression evidence. In addition, NIJ seeks proposals for an innovative and cost-effective approach to capturing and comparing ballistic images, for potential use to improve the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN).

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000840.pdf>.

OVC FY09 National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims

Application Deadline: December 30, 2008

The Office for Victims of Crime seeks applications for funding to plan a national public awareness and education forum to coincide with the observance of the 2009 National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims. The forum will focus on issues faced by families of homicide victims and communities throughout the Nation.

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/pdftxt/OVC_fy09_day_of_remembrance.pdf.

OVC FY09 2010 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Resource Guide

Application Deadline: January 12, 2009

The Office for Victims of Crime seeks applications for funding to produce the 2010 National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) Resource Guide. One cooperative agreement in the amount of \$225,000 will be awarded for the purposes of producing a Resource Guide for the victims' field for use during NCVRW in April 2010, and throughout the year.

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/pdftxt/2010_NCVRW_Resource_Guide.pdf.

Using DNA Technology to Identify the Missing

Application Deadline: January 21, 2009

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding to (1) assist eligible entities in performing DNA analysis on unidentified human remains and/or reference samples to support the efforts of States and units of local government to identify missing persons and (2) to enter the resulting DNA profiles into the FBI's National DNA Index System using the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).

For more information: <http://ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000860.pdf>.

Biometric Technologies: Mobile Fingerprint Capture

Application Deadline: January 21, 2009

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding the development of a mobile wireless device capable of the simultaneous capture of four fingerprints. NIJ is especially interested in research and development proposals for technology to identify or verify the identity of a person in the field.

For more information: <http://ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000861.pdf>.

Data Resources Program 2009: Funding for the Analysis of Existing Data

Application Deadline: January 21, 2009

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding to replicate previous findings and conduct original research extending data from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD). NACJD houses quantitative and qualitative data from NIJ-funded research and provides online access to downloadable, machine-readable files as well as data dictionaries, study abstracts and, in limited cases, MapInfo or ESRI geographic data. NIJ is particularly interested in NACJD data, but will consider data from other sources.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000837.pdf>.

Personal Protective Equipment: Tactical Officers' Full-Face Respirator

Application Deadline: January 21, 2009

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding to research, develop, and demonstrate a lightweight, rugged tactical officers' full-face respirator with enhanced ergonomics, flexibility, modular capacity, and scalability to increase the safety of law enforcement officers and other criminal justice practitioners performing routine and/or tactical tasks that pose chemical, biological, or radiological hazards. The respirator must be capable of serving as an air-purifying respirator (employing an integral/detachable filter) and as a self-contained breathing apparatus, and have the ability to switch between them without breaking seal.

For more information: <http://ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000852.pdf>.

Enhanced Training and Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women Later in Life Program

Application Deadline: January 28, 2009

The Office on Violence Against Women seeks applications for funding for projects that will support a comprehensive approach to addressing elder abuse in their communities. These projects should provide training to criminal justice professionals, governmental agency staff, and victim assistants to enhance their ability to address elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation in their communities; provide cross training opportunities to professionals working with older victims; develop or enhance a community coordinated response to elder abuse; and provide or enhance services for victims who are 50 years of age or older.

For more information: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/elder-solicitation2009.pdf>.

OVW FY 2009 Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program

Application Deadline: January 28, 2009

The Office on Violence Against Women seeks applications for funding to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance necessary to provide effective aid to adult and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters arising as a consequence of that abuse or violence. Criminal legal assistance is limited to criminal matters relating to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

For more information: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/lav-fy2009-solicitation.pdf>.

National Study of Collateral Consequences for Criminal Convictions

Application Deadline: February 4, 2009

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding to conduct a study to determine and compile the collateral consequences of convictions for criminal Federal offenses and criminal offenses in each of the 50 States, each territory of the United States, and the District of Columbia. The purpose of this research is to inform and improve criminal justice policy and practice by providing policymakers with the information they need to understand the legal and regulatory barriers that may affect successful offender reentry into the community.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000845.pdf>.

Evaluation of a Demonstration Program: Drug Testing, Certain and Swift Sanctions, and Treatment Referral for Chronic Drug Users Under Community Supervision

Application Deadline: February 4, 2009

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding research to evaluate the effectiveness of a demonstration program that includes drug-testing, sanctions, and treatment protocol for chronic drug users under criminal justice supervision in the community. The basic principles of the program must include: (1) frequent drug testing; (2) certain, swift, and proportionate sanctions for failed tests; and (3) access to residential treatment, as appropriate.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000844.pdf>.

Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program

Application Deadline: Open (an application for funding or technical assistance should be submitted to the OVC Director as soon as practical following a terrorist or mass violence incident)

OVC developed the Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program to provide timely assistance to jurisdictions to address victim needs in the aftermath of an act of terrorism or mass violence.

Applicants can apply for funds for only two situations: to compensate *and* assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur within the United States, or to assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur outside the United States. The funds available through the program may supplement other resources and services available to jurisdictions responding to acts of terrorism or mass violence. Applicants eligible for funding include state victim assistance and victim compensation programs; public agencies including federal, state, and local governments; and victim service and non-governmental organizations.

For more information: <http://www.ovc.gov/fund/pdf/txt/antiterrorapplication.pdf>.

Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Grant Program

Application Deadline: Open (contingent upon funding availability)

OVC will provide up to \$10,000 each to grassroots community and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to help improve their outreach and services to crime victims, through support of program development, networking, coalition building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers. Eligible applicants include organizations and coalitions operating for at least 1 year that have not received federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) victim assistance grant funding and that have an annual operating budget of \$50,000 or less. All applicants must also have a history of serving crime victims.

For more information: <http://www.ovc.gov/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>.

Research and Publications

Domestic Assaults by Juvenile Offenders

This Bulletin, published by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), presents the findings from an analysis of domestic assaults as reported by law enforcement through the National Incident-Based Reporting System. Based on information from 30 States in 2004, the report includes a profile of the characteristics surrounding domestic assaults involving juveniles and adults as perpetrators and victims.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/219180.pdf>.

Co-occurrence of Substance Use Behaviors in Youth

Using data from the 1997 National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, this OJJDP Bulletin analyzes the incidence and co-occurrence of substance-related issues among youth. The survey collected information from a nationally representative sample of youth ages 12-17 on personal alcohol or drug use and whether the respondents sold or helped to sell drugs. The report presents an overview of these findings.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/219239.pdf>.

Juvenile Arrests 2006

This Bulletin, published by OJJDP, presents an analysis of juvenile arrests in 2006 as reported through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. Based on this data, the report provides an overview of the extent and nature of juvenile crime occurring in the nation.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/221338.pdf>.

Effects of Early Family/Parent Training Programs on Antisocial Behavior & Delinquency

This report, funded by the National Institute of Justice, reviews the available research on the effects of early family/parent training on child behavior problems. The report includes which training programs, and under what conditions, are the most successful in effecting antisocial behavior and delinquency.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/224989.pdf>.

Federal Firearms Cases, 2007

This report, sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, provides an overview of federal firearms cases filed and closed in fiscal years 2006 and 2007. The report includes prosecution outcomes, types of sentences, and average length of sentence.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/bjs/grants/224890.pdf>.

Jails in Indian Country, 2007

This Bureau of Justice Statistics report provides an overview of findings from the 2007 Survey of Jails in Indian Country. The report includes inmate demographics, average daily populations, peak populations, and admissions. Also included are summaries of capacity, facility crowding, jail staffing, and services provided by the institution (including medical and mental health services, suicide prevention, substance abuse programs, domestic violence counseling, sex offender treatment, and educational and work programs).

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/jic07.pdf>.

Survey of State Criminal History Information Systems, 2006

This report, sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, presents findings from a survey of administrators from the 55 State criminal history record repositories between July and December 2007. The report examines the collection and maintenance of information by state criminal history record systems and includes: counts of records maintained by each State; percentage of automated records in the system; and the number of States participating in the Interstate Identification Index, National Fingerprint File, and the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact. The report also includes information on the use of “livescan” electronic fingerprint capture devices, state repository hours of operation and staff, and online name-based criminal record information databases.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/bjs/grants/224889.pdf>.

Engaging Bystanders in Sexual Violence Prevention

Published by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, this booklet discusses the concept and importance of bystander intervention, specifically in regard to sexual violence prevention. The report examines what factors and/or circumstances may prompt individuals who witness sexual violence to get involved. Topics include: relevant research, future directions, helpful tools, resources, and training activities.

Access full text at: http://www.nsvrc.org/cms/fileUpload/Projects/Engaging_Bystanders.pdf.

Conferences and Trainings

Forward Thinking and Futurism: 2009 American Correctional Association (ACA) Winter Conference

January 9-14, 2009 in Kissimmee, FL

Sponsored by the ACA, this conference features approximately 150 intensive training sessions and workshops focused on best practices in the fields of adult prisons and jails, juvenile corrections and detention, community institutions, and community based programs. Topics include: Mothering From Within: A Peer Education Program for Incarcerated Women; maintaining professional boundaries in correctional health care; demographics mapping; discharge planning; and more.

For more information: <http://www.aca.org/conferences/Winter09/home.asp>.

American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) 2009 Winter Training Institute **February 8-11, 2009 in Myrtle Beach, SC**

Sponsored by the American Probation and Parole Association, this conference offers a combination of educational workshops, intensive training programs, and a resource expo specifically for community corrections. The goal of APPA Training Institute is to provide participants with the opportunity to discuss the latest theories and advanced technology, develop innovative solutions, and network with experts in the field.

For more information: http://www.appa-net.org/institutes/2009_myrtle/exhibitor/.

News

The following are excerpts from newspaper articles regarding public safety topics.

Violence in ER a Growing Problem

***The Boston Globe*, November 11, 2008**

According to *The Boston Globe*, with more patients flocking to emergency rooms and ER waiting times growing, the Massachusetts Nurses Association says its members are fending off an increasing number of aggressive patients, as well as their frustrated family members. A 2004 nurses association study found that half of all members surveyed reported being punched at least once in the previous two years, and more than 25 percent said they had been frequently pinched, scratched, and spit on, or had hands or wrists twisted. Massachusetts Hospital Association spokeswoman Catherine Bromberg said the organization agrees that strong protections are needed to ensure safety for all hospital staffers and patients, and it backs efforts to criminalize assaults on healthcare workers.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2008/11/11/violence_in_er_a_growing_problem/.

Police Dept. Suspends Detectives' Overtime

***The Boston Globe*, November 28, 2008**

Police Commissioner Edward F. Davis has extended his overtime crackdown to include detectives investigating some of Boston's most serious crimes, a move that union officials say could hinder their ability to solve cases and hurt morale, reports *The Boston Globe*. The cuts are part of a series of expense reductions that has the rank and file on edge, according to union officials. Elaine Driscoll, spokeswoman for the Boston Police Department, said Davis is looking closely to determine where cuts can be made without compromising public safety. Driscoll also said the commissioner has talked to finance officials and commanders in the department about what are the most appropriate cuts to make.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2008/11/28/police_dept_suspends_detectives_overtime/.

Retiring Justice Unfazed by Gay Marriage Criticism

***The Republican*, November 29, 2008**

Justice John Greaney didn't write the Supreme Judicial Court's landmark ruling making Massachusetts the first state in the nation to legalize same-sex marriage, but five years later, a passage from his concurring opinion is sometimes used by gay couples in their wedding ceremonies, reports *The Republican*. "We share a common humanity and participate together in the social contract that is the foundation of our Commonwealth," Greaney wrote. "Simple principles of decency dictate that we extend ... full acceptance, tolerance and respect. We should do so because it is the right thing to do." Chief Justice Margaret Marshall said Greaney's extensive experience as a lawyer and a judge made him one of the court's strongest opinion writers.

Access full text at: http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2008/11/retiring_justice_unfazed_by_ga.html?category=Westfield.

No Sweat: Spry State Policemen Cash In

***The Boston Herald*, December 3, 2008**

According to *The Boston Herald*, an obscure perk tucked away in the state police contract triggers an instant raise when troopers pass a fitness test - a bonus that has already cost taxpayers \$11 million and isn't being ruled out in the next contract, officials said. The Governor's office told the Herald that all active contract negotiations are being suspended while the state braces for more bad economic news. Yet nobody will say if the one-time, 2.5 percent raise given to more than 2,000 troopers who passed a fitness test over the past two years will be repeated. The current state police contract, which boosted troopers' pay by 19 percent, expires Dec. 31.

Access full text at: http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/2008_12_03_No_sweat:_Spry_State_policemen_cash_in/srv=home&position=0.

Announcement

College and University Alcohol Abuse/Underage Drinking Survey

Survey Deadline: January 9, 2009

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Highway Safety Division is seeking input from college administrators regarding underage drinking and related programming on Massachusetts college and university campuses. Participation in this survey would greatly benefit our initiatives as well as colleges and universities across Massachusetts. This survey can be accessed through the following link: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=SjAk1PBIjxdBaQSRIFrRTA_3d_3d. If you have any questions please contact Dan DeMille, 617-725-3341.

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